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October 15, 1954

Mr. Eric Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

I recently had a long chat with Mr. Arthur Kelly of your city who informed me that you had an extensive collection of currency.

Last year we published the first edition of our book, PAPER MONEY OF THE U.S. You may possibly have this book.

We are now preparing a second and enlarged edition, in which we are desirous of including all types of high denomination Notes from the 500 to 10,000 Dollars, as well as all interest bearing Notes which are not now illustrated in our book.

At present we have been unable to locate any specimens of the following Notes:

Legal Tender. 10,000 Dollars. 1878.

National Bank Note. 1,000 Dollars.

National Bank Note. 50 Dollars and 100 Dollars
of the Second Charter Period with the denomination spelled out across the back.

If you have any of the above Notes or any interest bearing Notes not presently illustrated in our book, we wonder if you can either furnish us with a photographic print of the Notes, or send the Notes to the American Numismatic Society where we will have them photographed.

With many thanks for your interest in the matter, I am

Yours very sincerely

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ROBERT FRIEDBERG

RF:MK

Publishers of Books and Catalogues Pertaining to Numismatics

October 21, 1954

Mr. Robert Friedberg
The Coin and Currency Publishing Institute
134 West 32nd Street
New York 1, New York

Dear Mr. Friedberg:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of October 15, 1954 which flattered me considerably. I certainly have admired the excellent work you have done on United States paper money and would be glad to help you in any way I could.

You have stated that you wish a National Bank note for \$1,000 but do not state what issue. I have a picture of a first charter period \$1,000 National Bank note which was issued as part of the photographic set of the early issues of bank notes but I presume that you have that available. I have never seen a \$50 or \$100 second charter period with the denomination spelled out.

I have a proof of the reverse of the one year interest note but you have an illustration of a poor specimen in your original book.

I have extremely fine specimens of both the \$5 and \$10 demand notes on Cincinnati and St. Louis if you need such illustrations. I have a \$50 front and \$100 back second charter period National Bank note which has the large inverted bank number on the back. Perhaps this last item might be of interest as it is rather rare.

I think you should illustrate the 1815 issue of United States paper money and I have a complete set. You might also wish to illustrate the Hawaiian paper money essays of the 1880 period.

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Mr. Robert Friedberg
New York

October 21, 1954

Are you interested in any United States paper money trials
which were never accepted?

Let me know if anything above-mentioned is of interest to
you and I will be glad to cooperate.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb



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October 22, 1954

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
Executive Offices
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

My sincere and grateful thanks for your prompt reply to my letter, and for your interest. I do think that you can be quite helpful.

The 1,000 Dollar National Bank Note exists only in the First Charter Period. I doubt that a genuine Note is in existence now and so perforce I will have to use an Essai Note.

Would you, therefore, please send me both the obverse and reverse of this Note which you say is part of a photographic set.

I do not think I can use the Double Denomination Note, the 50 and 100 Dollars, described in your letter, but for historical purposes, I should like to know what bank it is on.

I already have Proof specimens of paper money issued in the 1840's and 1850's, and actually I have been looking for specimens of the 1815 issue. Therefore, can you also please send me the complete set you have, as I would like to incorporate it in the next edition of the book.

I know nothing about the Hawaiian Essais of the 1880 period. If these can in any way be construed as being U.S. money, I would certainly like to illustrate them, and I therefore would request you, if possible, to send these to me, also.



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Mr. E.P. Newman

I already have a large selection of paper money trials for Notes which were never accepted. It is possible that what you have may duplicate ours, and I would not like to keep sending these Trial pieces back and forth unless they could really be used. If it is not too much trouble, could you let me know of which issues you have Trial impressions, or if you care to, you might send these along, also.

I shall be glad to pay all registration charges involved and as soon as your Notes have arrived, I will send them to Mr. Baker in the American Numismatic Society and will return them to you registered and fully insured.

With many thanks in advance and with kindest personal regards,
I am

Yours very sincerely

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ROBERT FRIEDBERG

RF:MK

October 26, 1954

Mr. Robert Friedberg
134 West 32nd Street
New York 1, New York

Dear Mr. Friedberg:

With respect to your letter of October 22, 1954, I would like to suggest having the photography done here in St. Louis by a photographer who is perfectly competent to do this type of work. I am even arranging his equipment so as to do coins.

Unfortunately, the ANS is tied up at the present time and cannot do prompt photographic work.

Would you please tell me whether you wish these various notes taken in the original size and any other details which will simplify the matter for you.

The \$1,000 National Bank note is a miniature photograph and only covers the obverse. I can have this picture taken and enlarged. There ought to be a proof in one of the government frames somewhere.

Please let me hear from you promptly.

Sincerely yours,

EPH/atb



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October 28, 1954

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
Executive Offices
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

The idea in your letter of October 26 is a splendid one and I am very grateful to you for being able to take care of the photography in your own city.

What we would require are prints about 5" long and 2" wide. We should like two prints of each Note and both sides of each Note should be photographed. I do not think that you should take photographs of these Notes in their original size, as the Treasury Department might object.

We would very much appreciate it if you could also take a photograph of the 1000 Dollar National Bank Note and have it enlarged to the dimensions mentioned above.

Please do not forget to send me a bill which will cover all expenses that you have incurred.

At the time you send me these prints, I would suggest that you send the negatives also, as I must turn them in to our local Secret Service.

With kindest personal regards, and many thanks for your interest, I am

Very cordially yours

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ROBERT FRIEDBERG

RF:MK

November 16, 1954

Mr. Robert Friedberg
The Coin and Currency Publishing Institute
134 West 32nd Street
New York 1, New York

Dear Mr. Friedberg:

I have had the photographer take the pictures, as requested, and am enclosing the negatives along with two prints of each. I think they will serve your purpose beautifully.

I am very pleased at the way in which the tiny little \$1,000 National Bank note came out as the photograph which was copied was made in 1866.

I do not know the date when the Hawaiian notes were issued but a little research may develop this feature. I hope you will find them novel.

My photographer asked what he should charge and I told him that A.N.S. charged \$1.25 for a negative and two prints. He said that was satisfactory to him and if that is all right with you you can send a check for \$22.50 to Wolff-Heugeler Photo Company, 816 1/2 Chestnut Street, St. Louis, Missouri, and he will send you a receipted bill.

If I can do anything else for you at any time do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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November 19, 1954

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
Executive Offices
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

Many thanks for your letter of November 16 and for the prints and negatives which arrived in good order.

I appreciate your interest in this matter and we are sending our check for \$22.50 to the photographers in today's mail.

Some of the Notes are not quite clear to me and when I get ready to actually incorporate them in the book, I might have a few questions to ask you about some of them. Among other things, I should like to know what color the Hawaiian Notes are and whether each Note is different from the other *in color*.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very sincerely

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RF:MK

Robert Friedberg
ROBERT FRIEDBERG

October 20, 1955

Mr. Robert Friedberg
134 West 32nd Street
New York 1, New York

Dear Mr. Friedberg:

It was very nice of you to send me a copy of the revised edition of your book on American Paper Money and I am one who fully appreciates the research and endless work which went into the assembling of that information. It is a major contribution to the American numismatic field. I was somewhat disappointed that you did not list the 1815 U. S. issues but; no doubt, you had your reasons.

I am sure we will meet one of these days and will have many mutually interesting things to discuss.

I am enclosing a reprint of the recent article which I wrote on the American Colonial Plantation piece and the text of an article on Virginia coinage is now being read at the A. N. S. I have a few more research projects in process and am getting as much enjoyment as, no doubt, you do.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

September 23, 1959

Mr. Robert Friedberg
Coin and Currency Publishing Institute
134 W. 32nd Street
New York 1, New York

Dear Mr. Friedberg:

I believe you have illustrated in your Gold Coins of the world book a Peruvian doubloon of 1742 and I would appreciate it if you could send me the two negatives of the picture so that I may make up some enlargements of the coin for some research I am doing. Would you be kind enough to cooperate with me in that respect.

If you do not have the negative could you send me a positive photograph and I will have it rephotographed.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

From the desk of . . .

ROBERT FRIEDBERG

25 Feb 59

Dear Mr. Newman —

Enclosed is all art work I have on
Bernman fold. Take your pick of what
you can use and please return them all
when they have served your purpose.
The original art work for "GCU"
is at our printers and not readily
available but I am confident you will
find some use for the enclosed.
Always glad to oblige.

Sincerely

Returned Robert Friedberg
10/6/59 no letter

EDISON BROTHERS STORES INC.
400 WASHINGTON AVENUE • ST. LOUIS 2, MO.

ERIC P. NEWMAN
SECRETARY

February 27, 1962

Mr. Robert Friedberg
134 West 32nd Street
New York 1, New York

Dear Bob:

I plan to attend an ANS meeting on March 9 and wonder when it would be convenient for me to come to see you with respect to acquiring certain coins for my further research. Will you be in town? Do you work on Saturday?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,



ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

yes. Sat. would be my best day & at present I do expect to be in town. If you wish to visit us on Sat. March 10, please return this letter to me as confirmation.

Cordially


March 16, 1962

Mr. Robert Friedberg
Capitol Coin Company
134 West 32nd Street
New York 1, New York

Dear Bob:

I really had a lot of fun with you last Saturday and thank you, very much, for helping me find the interesting new items for my collection.

The show cards arrived and I will certainly enjoy having them. I will straighten out with you, financially, at any time you send the bill or will do so in the early part of April when I come up to New York again.

Your brother, Jack, told me that he had some more paper money of a better grade and, as I told you, I probably will want to exchange some of the items which I already had for something else because I took some items on sheer guess.

I am returning herewith the one shilling Massachusetts Paul Revere note of August 18, 1775 and cannot quite adjust myself to pay what you might be able to obtain from someone else.

As to the Washington Unity cent and the Grate cent, I find that I have these technical varieties and will, therefore, not need them.

I forgot entirely to look in your fake coin box, which I had wanted to do, and I am working on the piece that you turned over to me for study.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

Memo From —

INVOICE

ROBERT FRIEDBERG

134 West 32nd Street — New York 1, N.Y.

19 Mar 62

TO: Mr. Eric P. Newman
St. Louis, MO

50 D. Prog. Int. Bearing Note (150 ⁰⁰)	75 ⁰⁰
50 D. Prog. Demand Note (175 ⁰⁰)	75 ⁰⁰
50 D. Prog. Demand Note 1662 (100 ⁰⁰)	50 ⁰⁰
4 Post Notes in Sheet	15 ⁰⁰
Broadsheet	15 ⁰⁰
3 Keyettes	10 ⁰⁰
3 Frames	150 ⁰⁰
Miscell. Items	70 ⁰⁰
	\$ 460 ⁰⁰

Mr Eric Newman
400 Washington Ave (St Louis 2, MO)

50 D Proxy of Int Baring	(150 ⁰⁰)	75.00
5 D Demand	(175 ⁰⁰)	75.00
5 D Demand 1802	(100 ⁰⁰)	50.00
4 Post holes in sheet		15.00
Broadside		15.00
3 Keyrattles		10.00
3 Frames		150.00
Miscell		70.00
		\$ 460.00

Invoice from Robert Ludwig
134 W 32 St NYC

Shipped by Registered mail

Blue Unity States 14 1783 (27⁰⁰) 20.00
Date Card 1795 (65⁰⁰) 50.00
Paper. Mass 1st h, Aug 11, 1775 - Reverse (250⁰⁰) 175.00

705⁰⁰

March 22,1962

Mr. Robert Friedberg
Coin and Currency Publishing Institute
134 West 32nd Street
New York 1, New York

Dear Bob:

I am enclosing checks totaling \$430. I found that I had one of the \$15 items and will return it and I had a few of the miscellaneous notes which I can either exchange for others, or return, either way.

I may be able to come in Saturday morning, April 14, at which time I will straighten out the balance and be a good customer for some more of the items which Jack indicated he has in another place.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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P.S. The 1801 counterfeit is enclosed with a memo as to its differences.

EPN

April 5, 1962

Mr. Robert Friedberg
Coin & Currency Publishing Institute
134 West 32nd Street
New York 1, New York

Dear Bob:

As I indicated to you, I am planning to be in New York Saturday morning, April 14, and would like very much to buy some more from you and Jack and get to the mystery hoard of bad coins as well as the better grade paper money, etc. Is there anything I can do for you in the way of information in the meantime?

I would like to come as early as you can see me so as to be out of your hair before tuna fish sandwich time.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

April 20, 1962

Mr. Robert Friedberg
Coin and Currency Publishing Institute
134 West 32nd Street
New York 1, New York

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your courtesies to me last week-end. I am enclosing checks covering the balance.

You were nice enough to put aside for me certain Colonial paper money and I am sorry to say that I have specimens of each of these in as good condition as the pieces I picked out. I thought I could improve some of my pieces or find some I did not have.

You do have some Texas County notes which I looked at and which Jack did not price. These I would be interested in if you care to sell them to me.

I was very pleased to see the enthusiasm with which your son is approaching numismatics.

Your book with respect to coins of the British World has received the most enthusiastic comments from everyone with whom I have spoken. I hope they buy it and not just talk about it. The Whitman Catalogue on English Coins just arrived and they are so far apart that no comparison should be made.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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15
17
3
12
52

22⁵⁰
15⁰⁰

562¹

22⁵⁰
1697

N.W. 12/31/63 B. 3² vs 32⁵⁰

Md $\frac{1}{9}$ 12/7/75 vf ~~15⁰⁰~~ 15⁰⁰

Md #2 $\frac{2}{3}$ 12/7/75 = f. 22⁵⁰

NY # $\frac{1}{2}$ 3/5/76 unc 22⁵⁰

NY #1 3/5/76 vg ~~22⁵⁰~~

NY # $\frac{1}{3}$ 3/5/76 f 22⁵⁰

NY $\frac{1}{8}$ 3/5/76 f 22⁵⁰

4d Pa 4/10/77 f plate A 4⁵⁰

9d plate C vf 6⁰⁰

#1⁰⁰ va 10/7/76 fine tear ~~fine~~ repairable 12⁵⁰

4² Pa 4/10/77 torn weak seal 9⁰⁰
to it cty.

November 16, 1962

Mr. Robert Friedberg
134 West 32nd Street
New York 1, New York

Dear Bob:

I want to be devilish. I feel that the illustration of the \$50 compound interest note dated July 15, 1864 used in your book is of a counterfeit. The plate letter~~s~~ and plate number correspond to a known counterfeit and there is certain poor workmanship which is not evident on other pieces in the set. I am only working from the printed book and, naturally, do not have the benefit of a photograph but if you are interested I will give you more detail. It strikes me that a nice addition to your book could point out if counterfeits exist on a particular item and, if so, to note a specific deviation so the originals can be distinguished from the counterfeits.

Incidentally, I find I have the first and second editions of your United States Paper Money books but do not have the third and fourth editions.

I know how much satisfaction you get out of publishing and now that I have done something for one of your rival institutions I am beginning to recognize some of the publishing problems. The next time I see you I am going to tell you about how God saved me from publishing "The Fantastic 1804" before the Spink disclosure. You were on my list for a copy of the volume and I presume Ken sent it to you.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

November 20, 1962

Mr. Eric P. Newman
% Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Ave.
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Eric:

If the \$50.00 note referred to in your letter is indeed an illustration of a counterfeit note, then it has fooled the biggest collectors in the country, including, I might add, myself.

As best as I can recollect, this is one of the notes that came out of Fred Boyd's collection and which finally wound up with me. I have no idea what has since become of it.

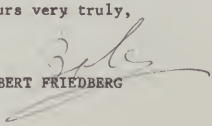
I do know that the \$50.00 legal tender note of the first issue is of a counterfeit. This was called to my attention by someone in the Federal Reserve Bank.

I guess sooner or later this \$50.00 compound interest note will turn out on the market and a better test might be able to be made then.

I will be very anxious to hear your private story on the 1804 dollar.

Thank you for your continued interest and with kindest personal regards, I remain,

Yours very truly,


ROBERT FRIEDBERG

RF:drb

June 6, 1963

Mr. Robert Friedberg
393 Seventh Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Bob:

When I was in New York earlier this week
I learned that you were ill and I hope that
you get back your original Mint luster.

Do not sit on your reverse too long and
get back into circulation.

My best wishes.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

June 25, 1963

Mr. Jack Friedberg
393 Seventh Avenue
New York 1, New York

Dear Jack:

I was very sorry to learn of your brother Bob's death and know in what esteem he was held by those who knew him. When I spoke to you in New York a few weeks ago I could tell by your voice that things were pretty hopeless but I do hope he was able to receive the message which I sent him.

Please accept my sincere sympathy.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

October 1, 1963

Mr. Jack Friedberg
393 Seventh Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Jack:

I have been waiting for a long time to have an enlarged photograph of the Brand Brasher Doubloon and I am wondering if you would send me one. I need it for some research I am undertaking and if you have no enlargements of it I could have one made from a negative which you might send me as I am sure you have taken its picture many times.

I do have something in my collection which might be helpful to you, namely, a spoon made by Ephraim Brasher with the identical hallmark punched on it as is punched on the doubloon itself. I also have a spoon with a different Brasher hallmark. If you would like to borrow either or both of these spoons to travel around with your Brasher Doubloon you are more than welcome to them as they would lend interest to your exhibition of the doubloon which I read you are undertaking throughout the country.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

October 7, 1963

Mr. Jack Friedberg
393 7th Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Jack:

Thank you for the Brasher Doubloon
pictures.

The spoon is yours to use if you
request it. It is merely a routine size
tablespoon.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

ESN/atb

June 22, 1966

Mr. Jack Friedberg
Capitol Coin Company
393 Seventh Avenue
New York, New York 10001

Dear Jack:

The collection of copies, electrotypes, alterations, etc. which I picked out on Monday would be an excellent addition to our reference material. As you may know, we do much work in giving opinions as to certain pieces and need imitation material for reference work. Our primary efforts are devoted to numismatic education and research and assistance to collectors and writers.

We realize that because of ethical considerations, you would not sell these pieces, but, nevertheless, would like to find a proper place for them.

We therefore suggest that you consider making a donation of the collection to this Foundation which has a tax-exempt status for income tax purposes.

We will be glad to have you make an appropriate appraisal of the material or we will obtain one for you if you prefer.

We look forward to hearing from you in regards to this matter.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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EPN/stb

August 2, 1966

Mr. Jack Friedberg
Capitol Coin Company
373 Seventh Avenue
New York, New York 10001

Dear Jack:

In connection with the various imitations which you let me take the other day, I find that I do not have the 1787 Rolan Liber Natus piece and wonder if you would let me give you another Rolan in exchange for it. I am enclosing an 1785 Inimica Tyrannis for such an exchange.

I am returning the other five coins, as you requested.

I sincerely wish that you could see your way clear to letting us have some of the alterations and other imitations for our reference work. As I told you, many of the dealers, including your brother, have given us their imitations and alterations but the quantity you have is far more than I have ever seen.

If we can do anything for you at any time, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

May 1, 1968

Mr. Jack Friedberg
Coin and Currency Publishing Institute
393 Seventh Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10001

Dear Jack:

The new 6th edition of the Paper Money Catalog is wonderful and I am going over it in detail.

We were just asked to help someone sell some sheets of Western Exchange notes. They are in three colors, black print, red denominational overprint, and blue numbering. They are 1857 Omaha City Nebraska items and contain beautiful Indian engravings, the buffalo hunt on the \$3 being unusually attractive. As you know, Western items are rather popular and scarce. They are in perfect crisp condition, unsigned, sharp, and absolutely genuine. The owner wants \$15 per sheet and on that basis I thought you might be able to do well with them. We can send you a small quantity if you would like. I am enclosing a Xerox which is a very poor reproduction.

May I hear from you.

My kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

August 2, 1968

Mr. Jack Friedberg
Coin and Currency Institute
393 Seventh Avenue
New York City, N. Y. 10001

Dear Jack:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation, this letter is written to make a few suggestions as to your fine book, Paper Money of the United States (6th edition).

The next edition could have a supplement covering counterfeits of large size bills and fractional currency. This can be obtained from the detectors, as you know. We will gladly help if we can be of service.

Also, the 1815 issues (also 1814) could be added. We can help with illustrations and data if needed.

As to possible corrections, I will list a few thoughts on the enclosed sheet. Please accept these as constructive criticism and if you want more, just whistle.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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August 5, 1968

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Eric P. Newman Numismatic
Education Society
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for your list of suggested corrections for the paper money book. I must say I was enlightened by the information and am very grateful to you for your kind help.

We will make the suggested corrections the next time we go to press with the book.

If you uncover any more errors in the text, please let me know.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

JACK FRIEDBERG

JF:ag

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

September 18, 1968

Mr. Jack Friedberg
Coin & Currency Institute
393 Seventh Avenue
New York City, New York

Dear Jack:

The two double hubbed 1955 cents which you loaned to us for study on September 13, 1968 are returned herewith. These are the finest forgeries of copper coins which have ever come to our attention. Your astute associate who suspected these deserves a real vote of thanks. What were his clues? You indicated they were sent in by E. W. Evans through your Famous-Barr department in St. Louis and who identified himself by a Texas driver's license.

The coins are distinguished by one having a lead colored metal imperfection just to the left of the left end of the stem of the right wheat stalk. This is called A, and the other B. A weighs $48\frac{1}{2}$ grains and has an 8.8 specific gravity. B weighs $47\frac{1}{2}$ grains and has an 8.65 specific gravity. Both appear to have proper metal content. A seems to be more sharply struck than B. A is thicker than B in portions of the edge but this is not diagnostic. These coins have been compared with a genuine 1955 double hubbed cent and since there was only one obverse die so prepared the evidence seems unimpeachable.

On the obverse of both A and B there is an L-shaped indentation on Lincoln's sleeve where a vaccination would be. This would have to have been caused by a raised portion on the die. It could not happen that two coins were identically dented that way. This is not on genuine pieces. Similarly there is a diagonal dent on the top of the sleeve near the sleeve and shoulder juncture line.

On the reverse of both A and B there is a diagonal dent near the top of the upright of N in CENT; a circular depression below the left side of the right leg of the first A in AMERICA;

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

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September 18, 1968

Mr. Jack Friedberg
Coin and Currency Institute

a depression half way up and next to the right side of the upright of T in CENT; an oval dent very near the tip of the stem of the left wheat stalk; and a bifurcation on the tip of the stem of the right wheat stalk.

It is of course obvious that these blemishes could not have happened to two coins accidentally. It means that A and B were die struck, that the die was made from a coin having these blemishes; that the die was made by an accurate transfer process by a skilled forger; that there are probably many more of these pieces.

We had these coins photographed at the American Numismatic Society on the same day we received them. We believe as you do that the U.S. Secret Service should be advised immediately before the coins are returned to the sender. We would like to write these up for the numismatic publications, giving you credit for locating them, if you have no objections, but do not wish to do so until the Secret Service has had an opportunity to do its work. The writeup should not be long delayed.

Please advise us of your action so we may cooperate. These coins are typical of what we have said would begin to happen in wholesale quantity to any premium coin. This is the work of a person who is not new to this devilment. It's about time for a crack down.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,



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SAMPLE SUGGESTIONS ON IMPROVEMENT ON PAPER MONEY OF THE
UNITED STATES.

On the dust wrapper the word "valuates" is first used and then "evaluates" is used. This is inconsistent.

On the dust wrapper it states "Fractional Currency issues of the Civil War era". It might be more accurate to state "during and following the Civil War" as 1875 is not the Civil War era.

The zip code used on the wrapper is slightly out of date. (See title page).

In "General Information":

Section 1. The first United States paper money under the Constitution dates from 1861; otherwise it would have to be corrected to 1776-9. Gold certificates did not remain valid, only redeemable for lawful money as you say later.

The first and second sentence of the fourth paragraph contradict.

The 3¢ fractional currency of "1869" is confusing as that is the final year of its issuance, not an identification.

Section 2. The second sentence of the second paragraph is erroneous as the issues were often desired as a business stimulant.

The third sentence of the second paragraph is wrong in several respects. Most issues were not redeemable in Spanish Milled Dollars. Many issues were paid off as promised. Although many depreciated, none became worthless until the Revolution.

The Continental Congress was established before the Declaration of Independence. Continental Currency did not become worthless for several years after its issue. Its predecessors didn't either.

The Constitution did not unite the Colonies. The States had been united under the Articles of Confederation since 1777.

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The argument about interest bearing promissory notes not being paper money is not sound when you list and include Civil War interest bearing obligations.

The Demand Notes were not "legal tender".

etc.

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Mr. Eric P. Newman
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Dear Eric:

I just remembered that you review books for the International Bank Note Society Journal. I would sure love to have you review the new edition of our paper money book, so am taking the liberty of sending you a review copy under separate cover. You should receive it shortly.

Thanking you in advance, I am,

Sincerely,

JACK FRIEDBERG
President

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Mr. Jack Friedberg
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Dear Jack:

Thank you for asking me to review your 8th edition. I am glad to do it.

I have the first 6 editions, but not the 7th, and hope you can locate one for me to have for comparison. Perhaps one of your distributors still has one for which you can substitute a newer edition. I keep each edition of everything American in my library.

I am enclosing some copies of past correspondence with you. I wonder if you adopted any of the changes or corrections which I suggested. I would like to know from you what specific changes were made in the 8th edition in addition to prices as that would help me in the review.

Incidentally, one of the letters enclosed indicates that I set aside some checks and altered coins which I asked you to give to this organization. We would very much like you to send them. You could get a tax deduction for the donation. They are probably still in your desk drawer.

My kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Eric P. Newman

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